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SUBJC LEBANESE VISA APPLICANTS

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

A) NIV AND IV ISSUANCE TO LEBANESE DURING JULY -NONE

B) NIV AND IV'S REFUSED SINCE JAN 1976- THREE

EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY PROCESSING FIVE (5) IV CASES OF
LEBANESE NATIONALS WHO HAVE RECENTLY COME TO TURKEY.

THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS OTHER THAN THE AVAILABILITY OF
SOME SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

2. THE EMBASSY'S POSITION ON THE OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED IN
REFTEL ARE EXACTLY THE SAME AS REPORTED BY AMCON ISTANBUL
(ISTANBUL 2946). HOWEVER, IN REGARDS TO NUMBERS, A MAJOR
TURKISH NEWSPAPER HAS REPORTED THAT 40,000 PERSONS HAVE
COME TO TURKEY FROM LEBANON IN THE LAST 16 MONTHS. THE
ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY THAT MOST ARE EITHER OF TURKISH
ORIGIN OR HAVE RELATIVES INTURKEY. WE SEE NO PRESSURE
FROM THIS GROUP FOR SAFEHAVEN ELSEWHERE. WE CANNOT
DISMISS ALTOGETHER THOUGH THE FACT THAT IF THE STATUS-QUO IN
LEBANON CONTINUES FOR A LENGTHY PERIOD THAT LACK OF
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TURKEY MAY GENERATE PRESSURE
FROM THIS GROUP FOR MOVEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES.

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3. ANOTHER FACET OF THE LEBANON SITUATION MOST NOTICEABLE
AT THIS TIME IS THE NUMBER OF IRAQI APPLICANTS WHO WERE
PROCESSING IV APPLICATIONS AT EMBASSY BEIRUT AND ARE NOW IN
TURKEY TO CONTINUE THEIR APPLICATIONS. WE HAVE HAD EIGHT
SUCH CASES IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. ALL ARE LIVING WITH
EITHER RELATIVES OR FRIENDS AND APPEAR TO HAVE NO TROUBLE
REMAINING IN TURKEY.
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